

USE OF INHIBITORS OF PROTEIN KINASE C EPSILON TO TREAT PAIN

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The role of the  $\epsilon$  isozyme of protein kinase C ("PKC $\epsilon$ ") in pain perception, particularly hyperalgesia, methods of lessening pain through administration of inhibitors of PKC $\epsilon$ , methods of identifying compounds that modulate pain, and pharmaceutical compositions comprising an inhibitor of PKC $\epsilon$  and PKC $\epsilon$ -independent analgesic agent are disclosed.

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